

# PROPOSED as NOI on April, 11 2013

## 2013-2014 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

These recommendations assume that the 2013 federal migratory bird hunting regulations will be the same as 2012.

	NORTH ZONE*	SOUTH ZONE*	MO RIVER ZONE*
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sept. 21 – 25 Oct. 12 – Dec. 5	Sept. 21 – 25 Oct. 19 – Dec. 12	Sept. 21 – 25 Oct. 26 – Dec. 19
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	Oct. 5 – 6	Oct. 12 – 13	Oct. 19 – 20
Canada geese and Brant	Sept. 28 – Jan. 3, 2014	Oct. 5 – Jan. 10, 2014	Oct. 12 – Jan. 17, 2014
White-fronted geese	Sept. 28 – Dec. 10	Oct. 5 – Dec. 17	Oct. 12 – Dec. 24
Light Geese (white and blue phase snow geese and Ross’ geese)	Sept. 28 – Jan. 12, 2014	Oct. 5 - Jan. 17, 2014	Oct. 12 - Jan. 17, 2014
SPECIAL SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE SEASONS			
Canada geese	Sept. 7 – 15 Only in designated zones around Des Moines, Cedar Rapids/Iowa City and Cedar Falls/Waterloo.		
STATEWIDE			
Light Geese Conservation Order (white and blue phase snow geese and Ross’ geese)	Jan. 18 - April 15, 2014 Additional regulations apply		
Doves (Mourning and Eurasian Collared)	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9		
Woodcock	Oct. 5 - Nov. 18		
Snipe	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30		
Rail (Sora and Virginia)	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9		

**Shooting Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise to sunset for all species except woodcock, which is sunrise to sunset.

**Daily Bag Limits:**

**Ducks:** Daily limit is 6, including no more than 4 mallards (of which no more than 2 may be female), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, 2 pintail, 1 black duck, and 1 canvasback.

**Mergansers:** Daily limit is 5, including no more than 2 hooded mergansers.

**Coots:** Daily limit is 15.

**Geese:** The daily limit for Canada geese is 2 from September 24 through October 31 and 3 Canada geese from November 1 through the end of the season. During the special September Canada goose season within the Des Moines, Cedar Rapids/Iowa City and Cedar Falls/Waterloo Zones, the daily is 5 Canada geese. The daily limits for white-fronted geese, brant, and snow geese are 2 white-fronted geese, 1 brant, and 20 snow geese.

**Doves (Mourning and Eurasian Collared):** Daily limit is 15.

**Woodcock:** Daily limit is 3.

**Snipe:** Daily limit is 8.

**Rail (Sora and Virginia):** Daily limit is 12.

**Possession Limits:**

Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit for all the above species except light geese for which there is no possession limit.

**\*Duck and Goose Hunting Zones:**

For the purpose of duck and goose hunting, the state is divided into 3 zones: North, South and Missouri River Zones. The North Zone is that part of Iowa north of a line beginning on the South Dakota-Iowa border at Interstate 29, southeast along Interstate 29 to State Highway 175, east along State Highway 175 to State Highway 37, southeast along State Highway 37 to State Highway 183, northeast along State Highway 183 to State Highway 141, east along State Highway 141 to U.S. Highway 30, and along U.S. Highway 30 to the Illinois border.

The Missouri River Zone is that part of Iowa that is west of Interstate 29 and north of Hwy 175.

The South Zone is the remainder of the state.

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